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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM : Director, Office of External Affairs

SUBJECT : SASC Worldwide Intelligence Briefing

1. The DCI is scheduled to appear before the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) on 1 February 1982 as part of the Committee's posture hearings in review of the defense authorization request for FY83. The briefing is scheduled to begin at 1000 hours in room S-407, The Capitol. A transcript will be taken.

2. As mentioned in the Committee's letter dated 8 January 1982, the primary purpose of the worldwide briefing is to identify long-term worldwide and regional military, political and economic trends affecting U.S. security. The secondary purpose is to receive information on current worldwide security events and problems.

3. In light of these guidelines, the following is a list of priorities that the Committee has identified by topic and region:

a. USSR - Still Principal Threat

- Military strength (conventional/nuclear)
- Economic problems
- Political forecast
- Foreign policies
 - U.S./arms negotiations
 - Europe (East and West)
 - Third World
- Technology race
 - Possible breakthroughs (space, lasers, armor countermeasures and air defense, etc.)

b. Europe - Soviet role in supporting "Peace movements" in various European countries


- INF/Negotiations/Reactions
- Poland
- Greece
- Spain

c. Middle East

- Libya/Terrorism
- Morocco/Western Sahara dispute
- Egypt
- Persian Gulf/Gulf cooperation council
- Lebanon elections and Syrian/Israeli dispute

- d. Close to Home - Central America
 - Cuba
 - Internal/Foreign Policies/Insurgencies
 - Nicaragua
 - El Salvador
 - Soviet Activities in the region
- e. China - PRC reaction to a U.S. decision to sell FX aircraft to Taiwan (near-term and long-range impact)
 - Military/Political/Economics
 - Taiwan Military Balance
 - Stability of and pressures on Deng's government
- f. South Asia
 - Afghanistan
 - Pakistan/India
- g. Far East - PRC activities/policies in Indochina
 - Kampuchea/Vietnam
 - Thailand
 - Korean Peninsula
- h. Africa
 - Chad
 - Ethiopia/Somalia
 - Angola/South Africa/Namibia
 - Zaire
- i. Nuclear Proliferation
 - Pakistan, etc.

4. The Committee is anxiously awaiting this hearing since it represents a "kick-off" for the new Congressional year. I will forward questions that will be raised as soon as I receive them.


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